A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend section 1213 of title 55 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annoteated), as authorized by Public Law No. 18-96, by adding a new subsection (3), to require the deposit of funds appropriated to the FSM Trust Fund within 30 days from appropriation, and to require the Secretary of Finance and Administration submit proof of deposit within one business day from date of deposit, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

- 1 Section 1. Section 1213 of title 55 of the Code of the
- 2 Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as authorized by
- 3 Public Law No. 18-96, is hereby amended by adding a new subsection
- 4 (3), to read as follows:
- 5 "Section 1213. Accounts.
- 6 (1) The Fund shall be divided into an A Account, a B
 Account and an S Account.
- 8 (2) All contributions to the Fund shall be deposited 9 to the A Account, except for the contributions which 10 qualify to be deposited to the S Account, as provided 11 for in section 1211(2) of this chapter. Thereafter, the Board shall ensure that a portion of the Fund returns in 12 each financial year is reinvested at the end of that 13 14 financial year as capital of the A Account, such portion 15 being the amount necessary to maintain the opening 16 balance of the A Account's capital for the following

financial year at the real value of all contributions to

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the Fund minus all principal repayments made on loans to the Fund.

(3) All contributions to the Fund shall be deposited within 30 days from the date of appropriation. The Secretary of Finance and Administration shall submit proof of deposit and a balance statement to the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia within the next business day from the deposit.

[(3)] (4) Repayment of loans to the Fund and payment of the expenses of the Fund shall be made from the A Account. The amount, if any, of Fund returns in each financial year which remains after such repayment of loans and payment of expenses, and after reinvestment in accordance with subsection (2) of this section, shall be transferred to the B Account. Except as provided in this subsection or upon termination of the Fund, no funds may ever be removed from the A Account.

[(4)] (5) The B Account shall consist of funds transferred from the A Account and the returns therefrom while in the B Account. Funds in the B Account may be distributed to the National Government in accordance with section 1214 of this chapter or transferred to the A Account in accordance with section 1215 of this chapter. Except as provided in this subsection or upon termination of the Fund, no funds may ever be removed

from the B Account.

[(5)] (6) It is anticipated that funds in the A Account will be placed in longer term, higher yielding investments than are funds in the B Account.

[(6)] (7) Funds in the S Account may be used by the contributing governments to offset the negative impact of reductions, if any, under the Renewed Compact as follows:

- (a) no withdrawals shall be made from the S
 Account by any contributing government that receives a
 funding level during the first year of the Renewed
 Compact that is greater than, the same as, or within
 four percent (4%) of, its Baseline Funding level. Any
 contributing government that is prohibited from making a
 withdrawal from the S Account by this subsection, may
 make a transfer pursuant to section 1215(2) of this
 chapter;
- (b) in the event that any contributing government's funding level during the first year of the Renewed Compact is reduced by more than four percent (4%) but less than twenty percent (20%) of its Baseline Funding level, that contributing government shall be entitled to draw, upon request, an amount from the S Account each year as follows, PROVIDED THAT each contributing government shall be limited to withdrawing

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no more than the total of its contributions and the 1 2 earnings on its contributions: 3 (i) first year: up to the amount of reduction minus four percent (4%) of the Baseline 4 Funding level; 5 (ii) second year: up to the amount of 6 7 reduction minus eight percent (8%) of the Baseline Funding level; third year: up to the amount of the 9 reduction minus 12 percent (12%) of the Baseline Funding 10 11 level; 12 fourth year: up to the amount of the reduction minus 16 percent (16%) of the Baseline 13 14 Funding level; 15 fifth year: up to the amount of the (∇) reduction minus 20 percent (20%) of the Baseline Funding 16 17 level; (c) in the event that any contributing 18 government's funding level during the first year of the 19 Renewed Compact is reduced by more than 20 percent (20%) 20 of the Baseline Funding level, that contributing 21 22 government shall be entitled to draw down, upon request, 23 an amount in each year, in a manner to be determined by an Act of the Congress of the Federated States of 24 25 Micronesia following consultations with the affected

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government."
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            Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the
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   President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
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   becoming law without such approval.
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